IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: ASBESTOS PRODUCTS

LIABILITY LITIGATION (No. VI) :

VARIOUS PLAINTIFFS

v.

Consolidated Under MDL 875

84-4520

Eastern District of Pennsylvania Cases

VARIOUS DEFENDANTS

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MICHAELE. KUNZ, Clerk
By

## ORDER

RULE TO SHOW CAUSE HEARING AND/OR STATUS AND SCHEDULING CONFERENCE FOR CASES ORIGINALLY FILED IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

AND NOW, this 1st day of December, 2010, it is hereby

ORDERED that the cases listed in Exhibit "A," attached, are taken out of suspense and returned to the active docket.

It is further **ORDERED** that a status and scheduling conference will be held in the cases listed in Exhibit "A," attached, on **Wednesday**, **January 19th at 10:00am** in Courtroom 11A, United States Courthouse, 601 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106. Prior to the conference, counsel shall review and ascertain the status of each case.

It is further **ORDERED** that failure to appear at the hearing and/or conference shall result in the dismissal of the case.

It is further **ORDERED** that counsel for each plaintiff appearing at the conference shall be prepared to provide the

following information to the court:

- a.) Each defendant with whom plaintiff has achieved resolution of his or her claim.
- b.) Each defendant that plaintiff now desires to dismiss from the action.
- c.) Each defendant that is currently in bankruptcy with a claim pending.
- d.) Each unsettled defendant not in bankruptcy ("unsettled
  defendants").

It is further **ORDERED** that, as to all unsettled defendants, counsel for the plaintiff and defendant in each case shall be prepared to report to the court:

- a.) Status of compliance with Administrative Orders no. 12,12 as amended, and 14.
- b.) Any outstanding discovery.
- c.) Any discovery that is still needed and a timetable for its completion.
- d.) Whether the plaintiff has obtained a medical diagnosing report or opinion upon which the plaintiff now relies for prosecuting his or her claim, if so, counsel shall provide the name and address of the physician or medical provider who has supplied the diagnosing report or opinion.
- e.) Any motions pending.

A written report for submission to the court is not necessary, however, counsel must be prepared to provide this information to the court promptly when the case is called.

f.) Readiness for trial and a proposed trial date.2

It is further **ORDERED** that, prior to the hearing, Plaintiffs' counsel may submit a letter to the court with a list of cases which may be dismissed with prejudice or dismissed as to the viable defendants and moved to the bankruptcy only docket. The letter should include the E.D. Pa case number, the name of the plaintiff(s), and whether the case should be dismissed with prejudice or dismissed as to the viable defendants and moved to the bankruptcy only docket. Those cases will be removed from the list, and appropriate orders will be entered.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED

EDUARDO C. ROBRENO, J.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Given the ages of many of these cases, the court will order presumptively that any outstanding discovery be completed within 90 days and that the parties be ready for trial within 120 days from the date of the hearing.

## Exhibit A